Dreams

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INTRODUCTION

It often happens that the things which befall us in daily life become commonplace, for the familiar happening soon loses its mystery. But it is not so with dreams. From birth to death they intrigue us with their ever-changing pattern, and so, because of a persistent demand, this booklet has been compiled.

It makes no attempt to analyze dreams in the modern scientific manner. Briefly it relates something of the dream lore of the past, and gives the meanings of many dream symbols according to ancient practice.

Dream interpretation has been a favorite pastime of mankind through the ages and, if commonsense is used, it still affords us a great deal of interest and entertainment.

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DREAMS

"WE are such stuff as dreams are made on," says Shakespeare, but has anybody yet discovered what that stuff really is? Those strange medleys of sense and nonsense, sometimes grotesque, often utterly unaccountable, cannot always be attributed to the crab salad or cucumbers of the night before.

Dreaming is universal. For thousands of years mankind has dreamed and delighted in interpreting his dreams. Yet, after centuries of investigation, the puzzle has not yet been solved. For a while after the advent of psychoanalysis, one hardly dared reveal a dream, no matter how innocent it seemed to be, for fear that some unworthy Freudian impulse be detected in it. But, in the comfortable days before we became so scientific, Aunt Julia with complete frankness regaled the family at breakfast with the story of her dream and would eagerly be told to expect a disappointment, a sudden journey or a letter from a tall, dark man!

Though affording a great deal of amusement and, perhaps, not a little speculation today, there was a time when dreams were regarded as divine messengers and when powerful rulers employed professional interpreters to discover their significance, and woe betide them if they could not produce a satisfactory explanation.

The simple savage believes that in sleep the soul leaves the body to wander about in a land of dreams. The same idea may be traced through the religions of antiquity, which looked upon dreams as a means whereby the gods revealed themselves and declared their will to man. Small wonder, then, that as the years rolled by there grew up elaborate systems of dream interpretation, many of which have endured to the present time. One of the best known is that of Artemidorus Daldianus whose *Oneirocritica,* written in the second century, still is the basis of many dream books.

Many persons of supreme intelligence have been deeply influenced by their dreams, and more than one great piece of literature has been penned as a result of inspiration during sleep. Coleridge certainly did it when he wrote *Kubla Khan.* In consequence of a slight indisposition an anodyne had been prescribed, from the effects of which he fell asleep in his chair at the moment when he was reading from Purchas's *Pilgrimage* that "Kubla Khan commanded a palace to be built and a stately garden thereto." Upon awakening he instantly began to set down the well-remembered lines:

In Xanadu did Kubla Khan
A stately pleasure dome decree.
Where Alph, the sacred river ran
Through caverns measureless to man
Down to a sunless sea.

Unfortunately the poet was interrupted and upon his return to the room found to his surprise and mortification that, though he still

retained a vague and dim recollection of the general purport of his dream and a few scattered lines and images, all the rest had passed from his mind. Coleridge frequently proposed to finish for himself what had, as it were, been given to him. But the day never came. So Kubla Khan has come down to us a fragment of only fifty-four lines, but a matchless piece of poetry.

There are few, probably, who can turn their dreams to such good account as did Robert Louis Stevenson. From childhood he was an "ardent and uncomfortable dreamer." At one time he awoke screaming because he dreamed that he had been set to swallow the world. After awhile he began to utilize his dreams as marketable literature, and we are assured on his own authority that many of his published works originated, if they were not completed, in sleep. He dreamed of a struggle between a man's two natures, and the result was Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde.

History, too, has its dreams, and the Bible abounds in references to them. Joseph owed his elevation as ruler over all the land of Egypt to the interpretation of Pharaoh's dream which had completely baffled the professionals. Daniel had a similar experience at the court of Nebuchadnezzar.

Consider what might have happened if Pilate had heeded his wife's message in which she besought her husband: "Have thou nothing to do with that just man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him."

In Plutarch we read that a soothsayer had warned Caesar to beware of the Ides of March. On the night before his assassination, he heard his wife Calpurnia, being fast asleep, "weep and sigh and put forth many fumbling lamentable speeches, for she dreamed that Caesar was slain and that she had him in her arms."

It is related on good authority that Abraham Lincoln was a dreamer of dreams, which on more than one occasion had a particular significance. Especially was there a recurring dream which invariably marked mileposts in his career and which came to him the night before his assassination.

Dreams, we are told, may mean much or nothing at all. Many are trivial; most are transient. Sometimes only the substance remains, a specific horror or an exquisite pleasure. But who has not experienced, once in a while, a dream so clear and vivid that its impression has lingered for years? Who has not heard of incidences where certain types of dreams have been followed by certain types of happenings? And this naturally brings us to the question, "Are dreams prophetic?" Decidedly not, according to the ancient authorities, perhaps only once in a hundred times. Often a dream can be attributed to physical causes—too little or too much covering, an uncomfortable position, disturbing lights or sounds, over-indulgence or a slight indisposition.

The Egyptians claimed that the truly prophetic dream is usually experienced between the hours of three and seven in the morning, when digestive functions are completed, the body is in a good state of health and in a normal, comfortable position. It is said that dreams dreamed on Wednesday relate to business affairs and those of Friday

night to affairs of the heart. Then, too, there is the old jingle which says, Friday night's dream on a Saturday told, is sure to come true be it ever so old.

Rules for Interpretation

A dream usually manifests itself in symbols, telling its story in pictures. The older interpréters accepted a simple symbolism based upon human experience and tradition. They attached special significance to spoken words or sounds heard. Although we often hear it said that dreams go by contraries, this is not always true, as you will find in the Dictionary of Dreams which follows. Here the interpretations given are those of Artemidorus and other ancient authorities plus those of the gypsies, said to be unusually gifted in this respect.

These people classify dreams according to their symbolism in three groups: dreams relating to animals; dreams relating to objects; dreams relating to celestial things. Those which relate to animals originate in the passions; those which relate to natural objects arise from the dreamer's physical condition; and those relating to celestial things happen only to the few who understand them and need no interpretation.

There are certain types of dreams common to all. Those most generally recognized are flying, falling, swimming or floating on water, floating in the air, standing on the edge of a precipice, losing a tooth, missing a train, climbing, and dreaming of dead relatives or other persons. Such dreams are common to all mankind and modern interpreters are inclined to trace their origin to some outward stimulus.

To discover the significance of a particular dream it is necessary to consider the circumstances surrounding the main event; that is, the setting, whether the impression is vivid or not, also your reaction to the happenings. For instance, you may dream of an apple. You may see it or eat it, receive it from someone or give it away. It may be bright red and ripe, or dull and spoiled. All these attendant factors should be considered. The light nonsensical dream may be disregarded as having no value.

DREAM DICTIONARY

A

Abandonment To dream that you have been abandoned denotes quarrels and misfortune.

Abduction To dream that you are carried off by force, success in your plans.

Abroad To travel abroad, company of pleasant people.

Abscess, boil, etc. Good fortune and good health following a temporary sickness.

Abuse To dream you are abusing someone indicates success through your own efforts.

Abyss Warning of danger. To fall into one, loss of a lover or desertion by friends.

Acacia Rest and tranquillity.

Accident To see one, passing worries. To be in one, eventual success.

Accordion Cheering news.

Accused To be accused by a man, good news; by a woman, bad.

Acorns Health, wealth and happiness. If single, a happy marriage.

Actor Falseness, deceit.

Admirers Your wish will be fulfilled.

Alligator A cunning and dangerous enemy.

Almond To dream of an almond tree means success. Eating an almond, future enjoyment, travel in distant lands. If the almond is bitter, the journey will be unhappy.

Altar Joy and gladness.

Amethyst Contentment with modest circumstances.

Anchor Hope fulfilled.

Andirons Good will.

Angel Peace and happiness. Good news and a voyage.

Anger Beware of powerful enemies.

Animals Domestic animals augur happiness. Wild animals symbolize enemies. To dream of any black animal is unfortunate.

Ants Success in industry.

Anvil Prosperity after overcoming obstacles.

Ape Treacherous friends.

Applause Reproach.

Apples Ripe apples mean success; green ones the contrary.

Apricots Health, pleasure.

Arm To lose the right arm means death of father, son or brother; to lose the left arm, death of mother, sister or daughter.

Army If on the march, great events coming.

Arrow If the arrow is directed towards you, someone is plotting against you.

Ashes Misfortune and grief.

Assembly of men Trickery.

Assembly of women Gossip.

Attack Beware of serious danger.

Automobile To see one, visit from a friend. To ride in one, a journey.

Avalanche Beware of danger.
Avenue A happy and easy life.

B

Baby To hold one, true love. To rock one, embarrassment. To see one, luck in the home.
Back To see your own, misfortune or sickness.
Backbone Success in love, adoring children.
Bacon If eaten, triumph over enemies.
Bag If full, abundance. If empty, cares.
Baggage Weariness, an overburdened conscience.
Bagpipes Increase in family and fortune.
Balcony Temporary honors.
Ball To attend one, pleasure.
Ball If rolling, success delayed. To play ball, good fortune.
Balloon To go up in one, unexpected fortune. To see one, a message from home.
Balm Sickness followed by sure recovery.
Bamboo Family quarrels
Bananas Eating them, misfortune.
Band of Music Money.
Bank If depositing money, beware of loss. If drawing out money, disappointment.
Barber Trouble.
Barefoot To go barefoot, success and prosperity.
Barley To walk through barley fields, trouble and pain.
Barn Poverty.
Bat Torment and peril.
Bath If too hot or too cold, family trouble. At moderate temperature, pleasure and wealth.
Bathing In clean, clear water, good fortune; in muddy water, the reverse.
Battle To be in a battle, serious trouble with friends. To win in battle, triumph.
Beacon Deliverance from care and trouble.
Beads Success, good fortune, honor, wealth.
Beans To eat them, illness. To see them growing, quarrels.
Bear To see one, a powerful enemy. If it runs away, success.
Beard To dream you have a long beard denotes good fortune. To cut it, danger of illness.
Bed To see a strange one, trouble. To sleep in one, good luck.
Bees Success, but if stung by them, trouble. If they fly about one's head, enemies. To beat them off, victory. If they make their honey in the house, success to the occupants.
Beetles Slander. If you kill the beetle, you will overcome it.
Beggar Always a good omen. To be a beggar, good health. To give alms, unexpected gift.
Bells Good news.
Bench Standing on one, comfort. Sitting on one, a rival.
Bereavement Visit from a friend or relative.
Betting Losses and disappointment.

Birds If singing, pleasure and profit. If quarreling, a great change in your life. Many small birds signify lawsuits.

Bird's nest To find a nest with eggs, profit. An empty nest means disappointment.

Birth Good luck.

Birthday presents To receive them, poverty. To give them, a pleasant surprise.

Bite Hatred, jealousy.

Blackbirds Slander and trouble.

Black cat Misfortune.

Bleeding Loss of goods.

Blind To dream you are blind, good luck. To lead the blind, success in love.

Blood To see it, great riches and a faithful lover. To lose it, disappointment and losses.

Blossoming trees Gladness and prosperity.

Boar Trouble from evil-minded persons.

Boat Arrival of a friend. To row a boat, inheritance of money. To see one founder, danger or illness. To fall from one, danger.

Body To dream it is robust, authority.

Bones Human bones signify death.

Books To be studying them, honors to come.

Boots If new, a happy future.

Bottles If full, pleasure. If empty, sickness. A broken bottle, disappointment, sadness.

Bouquet Disappointment.

Box To open one and look for something in vain, disappointment in money matters.

Box plants Long life and prosperity.

Bracelet Wealthy marriage

Brain Sickness or loss of reputation.

Brambles or briars Desire for the unattainable.

Branches Covered with leaves and buds, joy.

Bread Eating it, profit in business. White bread means friendship; brown or black, poverty.

Break To break anything means misfortune. To break a limb, sickness; furniture, loss of money; a mirror, death; a window, fire.

Bride, bridegroom Grief and disappointment

Bridge To see or cross one, successful undertakings. A broken bridge, trouble. To fall from one, loss of business.

Brood of chickens For a mother, warning that children may stray.

Brook If clear, honorable position; if muddy, loss. Dried up brooks presage ruin.

Brother or sister Dreaming of one that is dead, long life and prosperity.

Bugle Unexpected good news.

Building Illness; losses.

Bull Violent enemies. To be attacked by one is an ominous sign.

Bulldog Faithful, loyal friends.

Buoy Warning of danger.

Burning Sudden danger.

Butcher To see him cut meat, sickness and trouble.
Butterfly Restlessness and inconstancy.
Buttons To sew them on, happy marriage.
Burns Success.
Burial Early marriage. To dream of one's own burial, serious illness.

C

Cabbage To see one, good health and long life. To eat some, sorrow, loss or illness.
Cage If empty, trouble or a broken engagement. With door open, desertion by lover or husband. To see a bird escape, elopement. A cage with birds within denotes contentment.
Cake Pleasure in store.
Caller Good health.
Camel Good fortune through hard work.
Candle If lighted, happiness and prosperity. To see one being lighted, a birth. If burning dimly, sickness or delay.
Candlestick Invitation to a wedding.
Cap To receive one, romance. To put it on your head, a warning to be careful in your love affairs.
Captive A bad wife or husband.
Cards To play them, quarrels and loss of money.
Castle Success. A happy event in store.
Cat Perfidy and deceit. To be scratched by one is bad, but to kill one denotes triumph over enemies.
Caterpillar Trouble through secret enemies.
Cattle Prosperity.
Cave Misfortune.
Cedar Happiness and peace.
Cellar Threat of illness.
Cemetery Prosperity.
Chains Enemies plot against you but you will escape.
Chameleon You are being cheated.
Check To cash one, loss of money.
Cheese Gain or profit.
Cherries To see them, good health. To gather them, deception by a woman. To eat them, love.
Chestnuts To cook them, you will be exploited. To eat them, difficulty in business.
Children Pleasure, success.
Chimney Domestic happiness.
Christ Consolation
Church To go to church in mourning, a wedding. To go in white, a funeral. To hear church music, great joy.
Cistern Serious danger.
City A busy city, riches. A deserted city, illness.
Clams To dig for them, good fortune by thrift.
Climbing To climb up a steep slope, difficulties to be faced. If you reach the top you will overcome them.
Clock Look out for business troubles.

Cloak Protection.
Clouds Heavy clouds, misfortune; opaque clouds, mystery.
Clover Happiness; a lover.
Clown Misfortune and disgrace.
Club Suffering.
Coal Beware of enemies. To see it burning, happiness and success.
Cock Pride, power, success combined with watchfulness.
Cock-crowing A false friend.
Coffee To drink it, cares. Coffee beans are a bad omen.
Coffin Joy, recovery from illness.
Comet Illness and death.
Cooking A wedding.
Corkscrew An inquisitive friend.
Corn Riches.
Cornucopia Abundance.
Cows Plenty, increasing with number seen.
Crab A serious lawsuit.
Crane Wickedness.
Crescent Success in love.
Cricket You will meet old friends.
Cripple Help from an unexpected source; success.
Cross Triumph; honor. To carry one, trouble.
Crow Bad luck. A funeral.
Crowd Excitement.
Crown Elevation to some dignity.
Crutches To walk on them, illness.
Cuckoo Disappointment in love.
Cucumber Illness.
Cyclone A disaster.
Cypress Sorrow and mourning.

D

Daffodil Good news.
Dagger Death or suffering. If you hold it firmly, success.
Daisy True love.
Dancing Gaiety; success.
Dandelion Secret enemies are at work.
Darkness Warning of treachery. To go from darkness into light, good tidings.
Dates Admirers of the opposite sex.
Day If clear, a good omen.
Deer Disputes; quarrel with sweetheart.
Desert Disappointment, abandonment.
Dice Enmity; ups and downs.
Digging In clean ground, thrift. In wet, dirty ground, trouble. To dig for gold and find it, good fortune. To fail to find it disappointment.
Dirt Sickness and dishonor.
Ditch An obstacle.
Doctor Illness soon to come.

Dog Faithful friends. If barking, a good sign; if howling, look for bad news.
Doll Temporary pleasures.
Dolphin Out of water, loss of friend or sweetheart. Swimming, unexpected adventure.
Donkey A bad omen.
Dove Success and happiness. A joyful event.
Dragon Sudden changes in estate.
Dream To dream that you are relating a dream means that something unusual is about to happen.
Drowning To see another drown, joy after sorrow. To dream you are drowning, illness.
Drum Strife.
Drunkenness Success.
Duck Profit and pleasure. Good fortune.
Dust Temporary woe.
Dwarf An ominous sign, a warning of hatred.

E

Eagle Success, prosperity. Flying overhead, honors to come.
Earthquake Danger, losses, bereavement.
Easychair Change of employment.
Echo False news.
Eclipse Of the sun, great loss. Of the moon, you will not get your wish.
Eel Beware of speculation.
Eggs Good luck and happiness unless broken, when quarrels and lawsuits are indicated.
Elephant Riches and power. A sign of certain victory.
Elk Good luck.
Elopement Speedy marriage.
Emerald Wealth. Rise in the world.
Enemies Be careful in whom you place your trust.
Engagement Great pleasure in store.
Entrails Sickness.
Equator Fruitfulness and abundance.
Ermine Great honors.
Ewe lamb Faithful friends.
Eyes Success if you are watchful.

F

Faggots Look out for slander.
Fair You will meet people through whom you will profit.
Fall To dream that you fall means trouble and losses. To fall into water, poverty and distress.
Family Joy.
Fan Pride.
Farewell Bidding friends farewell, a change in business.
Farm To visit a farm, good health. To acquire one, advancement.
Fat To grow fat, affliction.
Father To dream of him as living, great joy; dead, financial losses.

Feathers White feathers, success; dark feathers, the reverse.
Fence To climb a fence, a rise in life.
Fields To be in green fields is a happy omen. Ploughed fields foretell disputes; to the lover, disappointment.
Fig Joy and pleasure, but if dried, loss of fortune.
Fighting Loss of a loved one through quarrel.
Finger To cut your finger and see the blood flow, your sweetheart will prove true. To lose a finger, trouble.
Finger nails A good omen. To have long nails yourself, prosperity; to see them on others, expect good news.
Fire Small fire, pleasure; large fire, a great festivity. To light a fire means that an important event will soon occur. To be burned, however, foretells a calamity.
Fish Pleasure and independence.
Fishing To catch a large one, happiness; a small one, limited success.
Flag If floating, danger. To carry one, honor and success.
Flame Happiness and triumph.
Fleet Fulfilment of hopes.
Flies Look out for rivals.
Flood Business losses.
Flowers Joy and love. White, sign of death; red, recovery from illness; if given, friendship.
Flying Invariably a happy dream foretelling success.
Fog Uncertainty.
Foot Loss of, pain and damage. If diseased, affairs will go well.
Forest Trouble and sorrow.
Fountain If water is clear, abundance to well persons, health to invalids. If water is muddy, vexation.
Fox Beware of a cunning enemy.
Friend If alive, pleasure; if dead, money trouble.
Frog Indiscretion.
Frost Business difficulties. Disappointment in love.
Funeral To follow one's own, notable success.

G

Gadflies Trouble in store.
Gaiety Coming sorrow.
Gallows Good fortune. You will rise in the world.
Gambling To lose is a good omen; to win is bad.
Garden A pleasant surprise. If the garden is bare of flowers, a temporary lack of money.
Gardener Good fortune and speedy success.
Garlands Triumph.
Geese To hear them cackling, good luck and speedy success in business.
Gems Rise in social position.
Gifts To receive them means that something good is about to happen. To a lover, speedy marriage.
Girdle Marriage. A new girdle signifies honor; a broken one, damage.

Glass If full, a sentimental message. If empty, poverty. A broken glass foretells success.
Gloves Putting them on, a pleasant trip. Losing them, a blunder. Soiled gloves mean that you will suffer insult.
Goat Enemies, trials and deceit.
Gold To gather it up, deceit and loss. To have your pockets full means that you will have but little.
Gooseberries Numerous offspring and fulfilment of plans.
Grain Prosperity. To see it in bins, plenty. A field of grain indicates profit. To harvest it, wealth.
Grapes To eat them, profit. Treading them, overthrow of enemies. Gathering white grapes, gain; black grapes, damage.
Grass To walk through grass, happiness and good fortune. Dead or withered grass denotes misfortune.
Grasshopper Losses and poverty due to lack of energy.
Grave To see one dug, death of relative or friend. To be in one, doubtful recovery.
Grindstone Success through toil.
Grove To be in a grove of trees means trouble but in a less degree than in a forest.
Guitar Happiness. A declaration of love.
Gull A safe journey.
Gun To hear one fired, death of a friend, slander and enmity.
Gypsy To see one, a lucky omen to those engaged in business.

H

Hail Sorrow and trouble.
Hair To dream that you have white hair, high honors; black and short, misfortune; disheveled hair, annoyance; falling out, loss of friends; in a tangle, lawsuits. A bald-headed woman denotes famine; a bald-headed man, good health and riches.
Hand Flattery. Cut off, loss of friend; dirty, a visit.
Handbills To post them, dishonor. To read them, labor without reward.
Hare Wealth.
Harp Friendship.
Harvest Prosperity.
Harvester Many of them denotes success. To see them idle, want.
Hat Disillusionment.
Hatchet Warning of danger or death.
Hawk If it darts downward, success.
Hay Success in business.
Head A good omen. If large, power.
Headache Trouble, sickness or loss of money.
Hearse Festivities.
Heather Hope. If dry, frustration.
Heaven An auspicious dream.
Hedgehog You will meet an old friend whom you have not seen for years.
Hedges If green, prosperity. If thorny and impenetrable, difficulties and danger.

Hen A black hen means that you will receive news. A white hen, good times. Several hens, gossip and scandal.
Hickory nuts Trouble and creditors.
Hill To climb and reach the top, good fortune, difficulties overcome. To fail to reach the top, disappointment. To see green hills in the distance, hope.
Hog Avarice and greed.
Holly A symbol of joy.
Honey Prosperity.
Hops Peace and plenty.
Hornet Vexations.
Horns To wear them, domination and grandeur.
Horse A happy omen. To ride one, success.
Horse-chestnut Home quarrels and worries.
Horseshoe A journey.
Hospital Misfortune.
Hounds To follow them, unprofitable pursuits.
House Good fortune. To build one, profit. To be in a strange house, change.
Howls To hear howls is an omen of death.
Humming bird Travel in foreign lands and success.
Hunchback Prosperity.
Hunger Prosperity.
Hunting Useless labor.
Hyacinth Riches.
Hyena Deep sorrow.
Hymns To sing hymns, death.

I

Ice A bad dream denoting worry.
Ice cream Profit from your undertakings.
Icicles For a young woman, marriage to a rich old man.
Idiot To dream that you are an idiot, gain and pleasure.
Illness Worry, danger.
Illumination Some great joy is at hand.
Incense Flattery.
Indigence To dream you are indigent means sudden gain.
Ink If black, you will be involved in an unfortunate scheme. If red, good news awaits.
Insects Illness and losses.
Iron To be hurt by iron, damage. To dream of a hot iron, a risky undertaking.
Island Isolation, loneliness.
Ivory Abundance and success.
Ivy You have faithful friends.

J

Jackal An enemy will make trouble.
Jackdaw If one crosses your path, look out for enemies. If you catch it you will overcome them.

Jail To see others in jail, loss of liberty. To be in jail yourself, elevation to high position.
Jam Quarrels.
Jasmine True love and success.
Jaundice Sickness and poverty.
Jewelry Look out for your money matters.
Journey A risky venture.
Judge To be brought before one, malice, persecution.
Justice A good omen.

K

Kangaroo Worries. To kill one is lucky.
Kettle If bright, success.
Key To give one, marriage; to receive one, honor. To lose keys, misfortune and disappointment. To have many, wealth.
Kiss To receive one, beware of treachery. To kiss a stranger, a speedy journey.
Kitchen Profit from your enterprises.
Kite Elevation, but if the strings breaks, sudden downfall.
Kitten Peace and happiness in the home. To be scratched by one, unhappy married life.
Knife Quarrels and disappointments and perhaps a lawsuit.
Knitting Look out for scandal.
Knocks To hear knocks is a warning.
Knot Perplexities or difficulties ahead.

L

Laborer Happiness and increasing fortune.
Ladder To climb one, success. To descend one, trouble. To see a high ladder, your dearest wish fulfilled. To see someone else on a ladder, news.
Lake If the water is clear, friendship. If muddy, quarrels.
Lambs Always favorable, if the lambs are well; otherwise disappointment.
Lameness To see a lame man, business troubles. If you help him they will soon be over.
Lamp If lit, happiness and success especially for lovers. Unlit, disappointment; dimly lit, sickness.
Land To dream of open country is excellent. If land is given to you, prosperity to the married, a happy love affair to the single.
Lantern To carry one, riches. If the light is extinguished, poverty.
Lark Good luck, health, prosperity and success in love and business. But if caged or dead, a warning of disappointment.
Laughter Change of circumstances and friends.
Laurel Victory. You will overcome all your difficulties.
Law, lawyer Business losses, quarrels. A warning to be careful in bargains and contracts.
Leaves Fresh leaves, success in business; withered leaves, losses or bad crops.
Leaping Difficulties. If you leap easily, you will overcome them.
Legacy Loss of money.

Legs To have trouble with your legs, worries or bad news.
Leopard If alive, great success in your work.
Letters Visit from a friend. To receive them, good news.
Light To see one is a happy omen. To hold one is particularly fortunate for the young, signifying honor and achievement.
Lightning Quarrels. Also a removal.
Lighthouse Danger ahead; a mistake in judgment.
Lilies Happiness through virtue. If they droop, bad news.
Limp To dream you are limping, shame and misfortune.
Linen If clean, a legacy; good news. If soiled, illness, poverty. To hang linen out on a line, overcoming troubles.
Lion, lioness Elevation in business, happiness in love. To see a lion cub, a new friend.
Lips To see red lips, good friends. If pale or sore, false friends.
Liquor Riches.
Lizard Danger from secret enemies.
Lock Difficulty in attaining your desire.
Locomotive A journey.
Locusts Extravagance and short-lived happiness.
Logs To see them burning, good news. To split them, visit from a stranger. To see someone else cutting them, unexpected news.
Loss To have lost something and be searching for it, a sign that someone loves you but you do not return that love.
Love To dream of unsuccessful love, a happy marriage. To dream that friends love you, prosperity. To be with your lover, speedy marriage.
Lying To dream you are lying, trouble. To be lied to, deceit.

M

Mace Comfort.
Magic Expect a pleasant surprise.
Magnet Look out for snares.
Magpie Deceit.
Malice Is someone bears you malice, sudden advancement.
Man If a woman dreams of a man, gossip.
Map You will leave your native land.
Maple A happy life.
Marigold Happy marriage, riches.
Marriage To dream you are married is unfortunate. To be present at a wedding, news.
Marsh A troubled life.
Mat To dream it is stolen, someone will try to enter your house.
Matches Riches.
Meadow To walk through pleasant meadows, happiness.
Medal To dream of receiving one, loss of character.
Melons A good dream. Recovery for the sick.
Mice Good news in connection with money.
Milk To drink it or see others drink it, happiness and good fortune. To spill it, disappointment.
Mill, miller Happiness, money.
Mire An evil dream.

Mirror To look in one, if married, children; if unmarried, a sweetheart. A broken mirror betokens bad news.
Money To receive it, an excellent dream. To lose it, disappointment in love. To find it, good news.
Monkey A disappointment.
Moon Success in love. New moon, advancement in business. Waning, death. A red moon, travels. A full moon, delay. To see it shining through clouds, your troubles will soon be over.
Moor To dream of open spaces is good, especially if the sun is shining.
Morning-glory A hopeful, happy dream.
Mosquitoes Petty persecutions.
Moss Acquiring and hoarding of money.
Mother Joy and happiness. You will overcome all your troubles.
Moths A love affair in which you will be betrayed.
Mountain To see a steep, rugged mountain, trouble ahead. If you climb up, success and riches will be yours. To descend denotes loss.
Mourning To be in mourning, a sign of happiness. To see others in mourning, news from distant parts.
Mouth To dream of being unable to open the mouth, death.
Moving If you dream you are moving, beware of thieves.
Mud To dream of mud denotes a happy future. But to be covered or splashed with it means slander or unjust suffering through the fault of another. To sink in it, a warning of trouble.
Muff Lack of money. Your sweetheart or a friend may be false.
Mulberry tree Abundance and prosperity.
Mule If the mule kicks or acts badly, business difficulties and deceit.
Mushrooms To eat them, danger of sickness.
Music If the music is pleasing, good news from an absent friend. If harsh or gloomy, a quarrel or a lawsuit.
Myrtle To see it, success in business. To gather it, good news. The flowers denote happiness with one you love.

N

Nails A good omen, especially if you dream of hammering them.
Naked To dream you are naked, poverty or sickness.
Neck A lucky dream. Success in business.
Necklace Riches and honor. If you break it, misfortune.
Need Wealth in store.
Needles Disputes and quarrels or disappointment in a love affair, but not one you need worry about.
Negro If friendly towards you, an unknown friend.
Neighbors Beware of gossip.
Nest Profit and domestic happiness if the eggs are unbroken; otherwise, distress.
Net To be entangled in one, a powerful enemy.
Nettles To see them is a warning of trouble. To be stung by them, a sign of difficulties ahead in attaining your desire. To see others stung, unexpected news.
Newspaper Treason and slander.

Night To be overtaken by night, a sudden adversary. To walk at night, grief and disappointment unless the moon shines, when all will be well.

Night birds Ominous except in the case of the nightingale which denotes joyful news.

Nightgown To dream of wearing one, an honorable career. To tear it, beware of hasty action.

Nobility To associate with nobility means loss of social position.

Noise A quarrel. To hear strange noises, you will change your position.

Nose To dream that you have or see on others a long nose is an excellent sign.

Nosegay To gather flowers for a nosegay, withered hopes. To be presented with one, an excellent omen.

Numbness Futile work and discouragement.

Nun To become a nun, disappointment in love affairs. To talk to one, hope and comfort.

Nurse Sickness and trouble.

Nuts If the kernels are well-filled, riches and happiness. To see nuts growing or in a store, a sign of money coming. Shrivelled kernels indicate disappointment; cracked nuts, unfaithfulness in love.

Nutmeg To grate one, you will overcome obstacles. To eat one, sickness.

Nut tree To see them and pluck and eat the fruit, riches obtained at great pains.

O

Oak To see an oak, growing and green, means long life, happiness and riches. To see it cut, disappointment. Oak wood indicates that your lover is true.

Oars To lose one, loss of some member of the family.

Oats Success.

Ocean A fortunate dream if the ocean is smooth, especially if preparing for a journey. To swim in the ocean, unfortunate.

Office To be in an office and feel contented there, a sign of prosperity. To be deposed from an office, ill fortune.

Old age Wisdom.

Old woman A fortunate dream.

Olives To gather them, peace and happiness. To eat them, improved circumstances.

Onions To eat them, receipt of money or discovery of lost articles. To gather them, good news, or recovery from illness.

Opal False security.

Opera A good sign if you are happy in your dream.

Oranges Tears and anxiety.

Orange blossoms News of a wedding. To gather, a speedy marriage or a change for the better.

Orchard In fruit, a sign of abundance. Bare of leaves, the opposite.

Organ To hear it played is excellent, happiness and good news.

Ornament Want as the result of extravagance.

Orphans You will receive help from an unexpected source.

Ostrich Long and futile conversations.
Otter Dangerous acquaintances.
Oven A change, Unexpected success.
Overboard To fall overboard, poverty and sickness.
Owl Unhappiness, discontent.
Oxen Unexpected success. Oxen ploughing a field, gain and plenty.
Oysters Easy profit.

P

Padlock Mysteries to be unravelled.
Pail If it contains dirty water, if you stumble over it or are in trouble concerning it, the omen is not good. But if it contains clear water or milk your troubles will blow over.
Palace Wealth and honors.
Pale To be pale or see someone very pale, you will hear of illness.
Pall You will attend a wedding.
Palm tree Success and prosperity. To the married woman, children. To the maiden, marriage.
Pansy A constant sweetheart.
Paper A good omen. White writing paper indicates news from afar.
Parents A dream of warning and rebuke.
Park Happiness.
Parrot Do not confide too much in those about you.
Patches For a woman to dream of patching garments indicates well-being and riches.
Path If straight, success. If crooked, disappointment and treachery.
Pawnbroker Poverty, loss and disappointment.
Peaches Expert pleasure.
Peacock To see one spread its tail, for a man, wealth and a beautiful wife; for a woman, a promotion for her husband. For a young woman, beware of false sweetheart.
Pearls Worry and tears.
Pears An excellent dream if the fruit is sound. If not, sickness.
Peas Success in business. To shell them and see the pods green, someone you love is thinking of you. Dry peas foretell marriage.
Pen News coming from afar. Adversity or loss to a business man.
Perfume Great success.
Pet To dream of owning one, protection by friends.
Petticoat Trouble and sorrow.
Pheasant An excellent dream, happiness, health and profit. A pleasant surprise.
Photograph A warning.
Picnic In pleasant surroundings, happiness. If overtaken by a storm, trouble.
Pictures False hopes.
Pies To make them, joy and profit.
Pig A faithful lover. Good news or a stroke of luck.
Pigeons A good dream especially if the birds are flying towards you or preening themselves in the sunshine. If they are flying away, your thoughts are with someone afar off. If they are dead, disappointment.

Pilgrim Good fortune.
Pine Success after hard work.
Pineapple Invitation to a wedding or other festivity. Also prosperity and good health.
Pine cone A fortunate dream denoting good health.
Pine tree A warning of danger.
Pins Quarrels with friends or neighbors.
Pipe Peace, tranquillity, pleasure. If broken, a quarrel.
Pirate For a woman, marriage to a foreigner; for a man, travel in foreign lands.
Pistol Attack by secret enemies.
Pit To fall into one, disappointment in love, decline in business. To be in one and climb out, you will overcome your difficulties.
Pitcher To carry one, failure. To drop or break one, disaster.
Planets Joyful news.
Plank To dream you walk the plank denotes deceit and treachery around you.
Plants If green and flourishing, an excellent omen. If dead or drooping, expect a disappointment.
Play To be playing a game signifies good luck.
Plow Wealth through industry.
Plums Fortunate if the fruit is ripe and sound. Green plums forecast sickness.
Policeman Trouble or family quarrels.
Pomegranate Good fortune through an influential person.
Pond Good if the water is clear, the reverse if it is muddy. Gazing into clear water signifies true friendship.
Pool, see Pond.
Popcorn A pleasant surprise.
Poplar Green poplar, hopes fulfilled; a withered one, disappointment.
Poppy Illness or news of illness of loved ones.
Porcupine You will be required to handle a delicate affair.
Porpoise Joy and happiness.
Portfolio Mysteries or things hidden from sight.
Portrait Long life to the person represented, especially if painted on wood.
Postman News from afar; good, bad or indifferent according to the aspect of the postman.
Potatoes To dig them, profit and success. If they are few and small, the reverse.
Poverty To dream you are poor, good fortune at hand. To see others poor, good news. To dream of helping the poor or are being helped yourself, an exceedingly lucky omen.
Prayer Great happiness in store.
Precipice Danger, if you fall over. To climb up a steep precipice, a sign that you will conquer your difficulties.
Present To receive one, trouble with one of the opposite sex.
Priest Good. Quarrels will be made up.
Primroses Sickness and sorrow.
Prison, prisoner A good dream. Happiness and hope. To escape, success in your undertakings.

Procession Happiness and joy to come unless it is broken or disorganized when trouble at hand is indicated.
Profanation Misery and misfortune.
Promise To keep it signifies happiness; to break it, disappointment.
Prunes Health and joy. Dried prunes, vexations.
Puddles Undesirable acquaintances will get you into trouble.
Pump Success if clear water flows. Marriage for the single.
Pumpkin To see them, you will have admirers. To eat one, indisposition.
Purchases To dream you are making them indicates that you will receive money.
Purse If well-filled, especially with gold, denotes prosperity and good fortune. To find a purse, unexpected good news. To lose it, disappointment.
Puzzle To dream you are puzzled shows that someone is about to confer a great favor upon you.
Pyramid Grandeur and wealth. To be on top of one, great achievements.

Q

Quagmire To fall into one, impassable barriers.
Quail Bad news, misfortune.
Quarrel Unexpected news.
Quarry To fall into one, sudden illness.
Quay Protection.
Queen To see either a king or queen foretells good fortune, especially if they are dressed in royal robes. If they appear in distress, expect some delay.
Quicksands Warning of danger and temptation.
Quicksilver Restlessness and change.
Quoits To play quoits, change in circumstances, losses.

R

Rabbit To see rabbits either in the open or in hatches denotes prosperity. Dead rabbits indicate disappointment.
Racing To be racing, joyful news and success in life.
Radish To eat them, trouble with a near relative or friend.
Raft A warning of danger.
Rags Success.
Railway A change or a journey.
Rain A good dream. April showers indicate that some apparent trouble will turn out to be a blessing in disguise. A fine rain means worry.
Rainbow A change for the better in fortune.
Raking A dream of success.
Raspberries To eat them, remorse and sorrow. Doubtful pleasures.
Rats Enemies are seeking to do you harm. If they run away or you kill them, there is no need to worry.
Raven Trouble and mischief brewing. If you see them flying away from you, your worries will soon pass. A croaking raven foretells bad news.

Reading To read romance indicates joy. Serious books, wisdom. If the book is entertaining, success in love.
Reapers, reaping Change for the better especially if you are doing the reaping.
Reconciliation A valuable gift from a loved one.
Reeds To see them, decision is necessary if you wish to succeed.
Reindeer Always a fortunate dream.
Relics Warning of loss or robbery.
Removal Change of employment.
Reptile The sign of an enemy or a false lover.
Rescue A rise in the world. Success in business.
Revenge Sickness.
Rhubarb You will patch up your quarrel.
Ribbon A pleasure trip or joyful occasion. If they are torn or faded, your pleasure may end in disappointment.
Rice Abundance, happiness in love. If buying or selling it, a change for the better.
Riding To ride is a sign of good fortune. To be on foot and see others ride, pleasant news.
Ring To wear it, success and happiness. To buy or sell one, prosperity. To lose one or lose a stone out of one, beware of trouble. To find one, a new friend or a lover. To dream that someone places a ring on your finger, marriage.
River If clear and smooth, happiness and prosperity; if muddy, sorrow. The river is regarded as a symbol of human life.
Road A broad road, happiness; a narrow one, deceit.
Robin Happiness and joy.
Rock Obstacles in your path. If you are climbing the rock, you will soon overcome them.
Rocket Momentary success.
Rod Sadness.
Rook A business deal will be concluded.
Room To be in a strange room, your wish will come true.
Rope Be warned against making contracts. Coiling around you, an entanglement in love.
Rosemary To see it is a good sign; to smell it, bad.
Roses Fresh and fragrant, great happiness. If they are wilted, disappointment.
Rouge Deceit.
Rowing Success, unless the boat upsets when the reverse is implied.
Ruins Unexpected gains.
Running If you are running and fall, expect worry or bad news, otherwise journeys are indicated.
Rust Trouble, poverty.
Rye To see it growing, triumph over enemies.

S

Safe or strong box Many cares if full; eventual success, if empty.
Sailing Change. If sea is smooth, prosperity; if rough, misfortune. A small boat, reaching harbor, sudden wealth.
Sailor Good news from across the sea.

Sale Lack of money, losses.
Salmon Division in the family.
Salt An excellent omen unless you are seeking it or spill it in which case the dream is a warning.
Sand Disappointment.
Satin Joy and profit.
Scales Legal business.
Scandal Unexpected legacy from a relative.
Scarecrow Dishonest friends.
School To be at school and unable to learn, a business setback. For a grownup to dream of going to school, a great change is foretold. To dream of teaching school is a sign of good fortune.
Scissors Quarrels; an enemy. To a young girl it forecasts marriage.
Scorpion Serious loss through secret enemies.
Scratched Accident or hurt. To see someone scratched, unpleasant news.
Scream Bad news.
Scythe Loss of a friend.
Sea If calm, happiness; if rough, troubles at hand. To dream of the sea is fortunate for those about to start on a journey and those about to marry.
Seals Something will occur whose true significance will be revealed later.
Seat To be seated comfortably, profit in business. To fall off, worry in connection with your work.
Seed To sow seeds, future wealth and health.
Sell To sell is lucky for the poor; unlucky for the rich.
Separation Much enjoyment from an unexpected source.
Serenade A sentimental journey.
Sermon This may be a sign of illness or a promise of happiness, depending on your own reactions as you listen.
Serpent Temptation and evil.
Servants A tedious visit. To hear them talk, scandal.
Shamrock Good health and long life or a journey by water.
Shark An enemy.
Shaving Loss of money. To see someone else shaving, unpleasant news.
Sheaves A fortunate dream.
Sheep An excellent dream, especially if they face you.
Sheet Prosperity and happiness.
Shell fish If shells are empty, losses. If full, hope of success. To gather them, merrymaking.
Shelter To seek shelter, worry threatening. To see a shelter, a faithful friend. To find shelter, unhappiness; to be refused, joy and triumph.
Shepherd Great happiness.
Ship A successful journey. Your hopes will be fulfilled. If in a storm, happiness will be delayed. To see people going on board, success in business.
Shipwreck You will rise above your misfortune.

Shoes To wear a new pair, unsuccessful journeys. To be walking without shoes, honors. If they are dusty, an unexpected journey. If clean and shiny, happy life.

Shooting A good dream unless you shoot and miss or experience a sense of fear, in which case look out for difficulties ahead.

Shovel Hard work but in congenial surroundings.

Shrimp Grief.

Shrubs Love and happiness if green.

Sickness To be sick, illness, frustration. To care for the sick, joy.

Sieve Waste and want.

Silk To be wearing silk or to buy it, love to the unmarried; unexpected news to the married.

Silver Unexpected revelation.

Singing To sing yourself, sorrow. To hear others sing, pleasure in store. If the singing is out of tune, lover or friend is false.

Skating Easy gain.

Skein of yarn You are in a difficult position.

Skeleton Trouble at home.

Sky Blue sky, happiness; dark sky, passing worries; stormy sky, change of position.

Slaughter house Gains; success.

Sleep To dream that you are asleep, trouble, sickness. To see others sleep, a warning of bad news.

Sliding Success.

Smells Pleasant smells, a good omen; unpleasant ones, worry.

Smoke White smoke, small worries; dark smoke, sorrow. To see smoke going straight up, difficulties overcome.

Snail Honors.

Snakes Troubles or sickness. To kill a snake, victory.

Sneeze Unwelcome visitors.

Snow Success and money, also the beginnings of love.

Soap Temporary worries.

Soldiers Troubles or lawsuits. Losses through change.

Song To hear a sacred song, sorrow.

Sowing Joy and wealth.

Spade Futile toil.

Sparrow Good fortune in store.

Spear Suffering at the hand of enemies.

Spectacles To dream of wearing them, disgrace.

Spice Sadness.

Spider Lawsuit. To see it spin a web a sign that money is coming. To kill one is unlucky.

Spinning Success in love and business, unless the thread runs badly, when trouble is ahead.

Spinning wheel Poverty.

Spitting Insults.

Spools of thread Serious worries.

Spring Success and good fortune.

Squabble Affection.

Squirrel If free, business trouble. If in a cage, the trouble will be more serious.

Stag Happy love affair; success in business. To hunt a stag, disappointment. To kill a stag, someone you trust is false.
Stairs To climb, success; to fall down, grief, illness; to walk down, loss of employment.
Starch To starch linen and iron it smoothly, good fortune.
Stars To see them shining brightly, happiness and good news. If they are pale or partly hidden by clouds, poverty and misfortune.
Stars, shooting Success is assured.
Starving This augurs success and happiness.
Steps To walk up steps, a happy and successful marriage.
Stings To dream that you have been stung by a bee or hornet is a warning of injury by a wicked person.
Stockings Silk stockings, money; in holes, lack of money; darned, family pleasures; to lose them, distress and trouble. To be without, a warning. To take them off, change of fortune.
Stoutness Wealth. To lose it and become thin, poverty.
Stork Changes, possibly loss.
Storm Temporary danger and troubles.
Stove Good news.
Strange place A legacy.
Stranger News from afar.
Straw In stacks, wealth and abundance; in sheaves, economy; in a barn, an income; on fire, loss of money.
Strawberries Good luck; a happy marriage. Wild, unexpected good fortune.
Struggling You will attain honor.
Sugar A confidence betrayed.
Suicide Upsets.
Suitcase Short journey.
Sun Blazing sun, success. Rising sun, joy and good news. Overcast sun, troubles. Red sun, discord.
Sunflower Ardent love.
Surprise Good luck; success in business.
Swallow If approaching, good news, family happiness. When a swallow leaves a house, unhappiness enters it.
Swan If white, wealth and happiness. If black, grief. If swimming, great success.
Sweetheart If well and cheerful, purity and constancy. If ailing, the reverse.
Sweets To receive them, flattery. To eat them, wasteful spending. To give them, attentions well received.
Swimming With head above water, success. With head under water, misfortune.
Sword Success and victory. To be cut with one, humiliation.
Sycamore Marriage for the unwed. Jealousy to the married.

T

Table To set one, prosperity. To sit at one, pleasant comfort. To break one, a removal.
Tablet Remarkable events.
Tack Quarrels and enmity.

Tailor Bad faith.
Tambourine Good luck.
Tar Travel by water. Tar on the hands, difficulties.
Tassels Joy.
Tea Money worries.
Tear Tear in a garment, passing worries.
Tears Happiness.
Teasing To tease someone else, trouble, sickness. To be teased, good news.
Teeth To lose a tooth, loss of a friend or disappointment in love. To dream of loose teeth, sickness. To see white teeth, great joy in store.
Telegram A surprise; a long journey.
Tempest Danger.
Tent Unexpected adventure.
Theatre To be in one indicates that you will soon change your residence.
Thief False friend.
Thimble Quiet happiness.
Thinness Loss of money.
Thirst Desires beyond present realization.
Thistle Disloyalty.
Thorn If pricked by a thorn, vexation, reproach. To draw the thorn out, success.
Thread Beware of intrigues. Thread on spool, lasting affection.
Throne Change of position.
Thunder Sorrow; danger threatening.
Tide Sorrow.
Tiger A bad omen.
Tinker Trouble with neighbors.
Toad A malicious enemy. To kill one, triumph.
Toadstool Sudden elevation.
Tobacco Passing pleasures.
Toil Servitude to the rich, profit to the poor.
Tomato To eat them, happiness of short duration.
Tomb Long life.
Toothache Expect an advantageous offer.
Torrent Adversity; danger of lawsuits.
Tortoise Success after perseverance.
Tower To ascend one, ambition realized.
Traveling Unexpected good fortune.
Treasure Disappointment.
Trees In foliage, hopes fulfilled. Cut down, loss of friends. Covered with fruit, prosperity. Climbing a tree, toil. An avenue of trees, long happiness.
Trickery A warning.
Trout Money.
Trumpet To hear one, a warning of trouble. To blow one, triumph.
Trunk If full, economy; if empty, extravagance.
Tub A bad dream foretelling misfortune or grief.
Tulip Happiness in love.

Tunnel A difficult undertaking may cause temporary anxiety.
Turkey Triumph over enemies.
Turnips A faithful sweetheart.
Turtle dove Mutual love and fidelity to the married.

U

Ulcer Good health.
Umbrella If open, protection; if closed, security in business. Inside out, coming change; lost, abandonment.
Uncle An inheritance.
Undertaker A wedding.
Undressing Dishonor.
Unfaithfulness Lasting love.
Uniform Fame, adventure.

V

Vagabond Sudden journeys or changes.
Valley To walk in a pleasant valley, sickness.
Vampire Be warned against thieves.
Vase Labor.
Vegetables Sickness.
Veil If white, sorrow. If black, disappointment. For an unmarried person, marriage. A torn veil, a secret revealed.
Veins Sorrow and trouble.
Velvet Honor and wealth.
Vengeance Lawsuits.
Vermin Sickness.
Vexation You will acquire property and your station in life will be improved.
Victory A dream of success.
Vinegar Jealousy and a quarrel. To drink it, sickness.
Vines Health and wealth.
Violence Violence from an unexpected source, success, promotion.
Violets Happiness and success, especially if they are double.
Violin Happiness in love.
Visit To pay a visit, injustice. To receive one, flattery.
Voices To hear cheerful voices, distress. To hear wailing voices, joy and pleasure.
Volcano Peace and contentment.
Vomit Serious worry.
Vow If broken, misfortune. If fulfilled, success.
Voyage Success in business.
Vulture A warning to be careful of your reputation. To kill a vulture means good fortune.

W

Wading If the water is clear, this means marriage to the young girl.
Wafer Good news at hand.
Wagon Filled, successful efforts. Empty, poverty.
Wake To be present at one, scandal.

Walking If alone, sadness. Walking fast, ultimate success. Walking with a companion, true friendship. Walking in dirt, sickness; in water, grief; in the night, trouble.
Wall Obstacles to be overcome.
Walnuts Trouble, misfortune.
War Danger of persecution.
Warbling To hear birds warbling, success.
Washing Recovery from illness; a change for the better.
Watch A fortunate dream foretelling success and money.
Watchman A warning.
Water Clear water, health and happiness. Muddy water, sorrow. Boiling water, temporary happiness; running water, lasting happiness. To fall into water, ruin. To drink clear water is a favorable omen.
Waterfall Abundance.
Waterlily Happiness follows sorrow.
Watermelon Sickness.
Wealth Sickness.
Weapon Danger from a plot.
Weasel A dangerous woman. To kill a weasel, profit.
Weaving Success in trade.
Wedding To attend one, disappointment.
Weeding Health, wealth and happiness.
Weeping A dream of joy. Good news.
Well To see one, good luck. To fall into one, danger.
Wet To be wet, unhappiness and loss of affection.
Whale A warning of danger.
Wheat Great wealth.
Wheel Good fortune. A turning wheel, inheritance.
Whip To whip an animal, sorrow. To be whipped, scandal.
Whirlpool Danger ahead!
Whisper To whisper or hear someone whispering denotes scandal.
Whistle To hear a whistle, danger, dishonor.
Widow To be a widow, joy and satisfaction; marriage.
Wig Warning of danger.
Wilderness Beware of false friends.
Will To make your own will, sadness. To make that of another, profit.
Willow Sorrows.
Wind A gentle wind, happiness; strong winds, crosses in love; a whirlwind, serious troubles.
Window If open, easy success. If shut, disappointment. To fall out, an unsuccessful lawsuit. To see a broken window, sickness.
Wine In a bottle, a happy old age. To drink it, profit. To spill it, bad luck.
Wings To dream you have wings, your position will improve.
Wire Loss of liberty.
Wolf Suffering, adversity. To kill one, triumph.
Woman To see one, bad luck. To see many, gossip, quarrels. To see a blonde woman, devoted love.
Wool Prosperity and abundance.

Work Good luck if you are doing it yourself.
Workhouse To be in one, a legacy.
Workshop Wealth as a result of thrift.
Worms Small worries.
Wounds Illness.
Wreath A dream of triumph.
Wreck Misfortune to come.
Wrinkles Disillusion. To dream that you are wrinkled, a happy old age.
Writing Pleasant news.

Y

Yacht In clear, calm water, success. In rough sea, the reverse.
Yarn A handsome present; an inheritance.
Yawning Surprise to come.
Yeast Discontent.
Yew Honor and great wealth.
Youth A good omen; a faithful and loving marriage partner.

Z

Zebra Change in your life; a false friend.
Zinc Distrust of friends.
Zodiac You will travel far.

THE ONEIROCRITICON OF ASTRAMPSYCHUS

Astrampsychus was a noted dream interpreter of the Fourth Century. Each verse of his *Oneirocriticon* tells the meaning of a certain kind of dream. The text has been translated as follows:

"To talk in dreams is a sign of their truth. To move slowly denotes unfortunate journeys. It is good to fly for it is the sign of an honorable deed."

Laughter in sleep presages difficult circumstances.
To weep in sleep is a sign of utmost joy.
To eat with enemies indicates a reconciliation.
To be dead in dreams announces freedom from anxiety.
An offensive odor signifies annoyance.
If anyone offers incense to you, it portends affliction.
If you seem to be an old man, you will attain honor.
To run in dreams shows the stability of your circumstances.
To wash the hands denotes release from anxieties.
To clean the feet denotes release from anxieties.
To clean the body denotes release from anxieties.
To cut the hair signifies losses in business.
To lose the hair heralds great danger.
To see white meats is exceedingly advantageous.
To see black meats forebodes evil to one's children.
To embrace your mother is to have a lucky dream.
To embrace one's best beloved is very fortunate.
All embraces bring about protracted labors.
To kiss or to love excites the long-continued opposition of one's enemies.

To have broad feet is a sign of misfortune.
The amputation of the feet is a bar to a contemplated journey.
The burning of the body indicates a very evil reputation.
Gladness of mind shows that you will live abroad.
For a blind man to see is the best omen possible.
To wear a white robe is an excellent omen.
To wear a black one is a mournful spectacle.
To wear a purple robe threatens a long disease.
To wear a red one promises an honorable action.
To wear the pall of kings is the solution of our expectations.
The tearing of a garment is relief from the burden of anxieties.
A severed girdle speedily cuts short a journey.
To behold the stars forebodes much good to men.
Thunder-peals in dreams are the words of messengers.
To see lights indicates guidance in affairs.
The sight of snow-figures, the hostilities of enemies.
The sight of the dead indicates the ruin of affairs.
The sight of withered trees declares the uselessness of labors.
Pearls denote a torrent of tears.
Milk confounds the politics of enemies.
Milk is the sign of peaceful circumstances.
Clay or mud symbolizes the sordid avarice of the disposition.
A pellucid fountain dispels the distresses of the mind.
Wine poured from the vessels soothes the distresses of the mind.
Musty wine announces many difficulties.
To mix different wines is to invite serious quarrels.
Water gushing up from below is a sign of enemies.
To drain a cup of water is a lucky token.
The pouring out of rivers dissipates the joy of enemies.
To stand in the assemblies brings with it a crime.
Sitting naked signifies loss of property.
Sitting on a dunghill signifies disastrous circumstances.
Sitting upon a stone, you may conceive great expectations.
Sitting on a wall indicates coming prosperity.
To embark on a lake is a sign of evil.
To walk over potsherds signifies loss of one's enemies.
To creep up a mountain signifies the difficulty of business.
To walk over live coals signifies loss from one's enemies.
To tread upon serpents is to blunt the sharp attacks of foes.
If you sail over mud, look out for mental disquiet.
The falling from a precipice is an evil omen.
The eating of sweets portends disagreeable circumstances.
To swallow bunches of grapes indicates a deluge of rain.
To feed on lettuces is a sign of disease of the body.
To drink muddy water foretells diseases of the body.
If you are governing children, expect a coming danger.
To hold a bull is to be disappointed of one's hopes.
If anyone holds goods, let him fear the attack of his enemies.
A broken staff portends an unhappy death.
To catch falcons indicates the fulfillment of your utmost desires.
To hold keys signifies the settlement of affairs.
To hold a twig foreshadows a prosecution.

To seize the sword is a sign of contest.
To handle threads is a presage of troublesome circumstances.
To hold a sparrow, struggling to escape, forebodes mischief.
To grasp a pillar is to expect Divine favor.
To shiver a sword signifies the crushing of one's foes.
The escape of a hawk from the hand is disastrous to those in power.
To hold gold is a warning to leave one's projects undone.
To hold eggs or to eat eggs symbolizes vexation.
To behold oxen in dreams is of evil tendency.
To see black mares is a thoroughly bad sign.
To see white horses is a vision of angels.
To see lions announces the contentions of one's enemies.
The sight of a mouse bespeaks propitious circumstances.
To see a colt running denotes something mysterious.
The barking of a dog portends the detriment of one's enemies.
A gaping wolf signifies nonsensical discourse.
Dead oxen signify times of famine.
The sight of wasps marks injuries to one's foes.
The sight of a hare portends an unlucky journey.
If you see oil you will escape misfortune.
To see the ocean calm is favorable.
The noise of the sea stands for the throng of business.
To swim in the sea forebodes bitter sorrows.
To dream in the daytime of swimming in the sea is good.
The eating of figs signifies nonsensical discourse.

Days of the Year and Their Relation to the Interpretation of Dreams

January 1, 19, 27, 31	You will be satisfied
13, 23	They will be against you
February 7, 8, 18	Excellent
1, 10, 17, 22	Insignificant
March 3, 9, 12, 14	Don't tell them
13, 19, 23, 28	Beware
April 5, 27	They will come true
10, 20, 29, 30	Bad
May 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 14	Fairly good
10, 17, 20	The future is in danger
June 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13	They soon will come true
4, 20	Not favorable
July 2, 6, 10, 23, 30	Good
5, 13, 27	Unfavorable
August 5, 7, 10, 14, 19	Don't reveal them
2, 13, 27, 31	No results
September 6, 10, 15, 18, 30	Fate is with you
13, 16, 22, 23	Pain
October 13, 16, 23, 31	Very good
3, 9, 27	Bad omen
November 8, 13, 23, 30	Pleasant
6, 25	Of no importance
December 10, 20, 29	Great joy
13, 28, 31	Trouble at home